

Common Course Outline
MNTH 203
Clinical Practicum-Mental Health
1 Credit

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Seven (2) hour weekly seminars, and twelve (12) hours of practicum a week. (Offered Winter Session, day and evening.) Prerequisites: MNTH 101, MNTH 102, MNTH 103 and MNTH 201.

Students are assigned to a variety of mental health or human service facilities to gain practical experience with patients under supervision of agency personnel. Students attend a two-hour seminar per week to discuss and evaluate experiences and increase competencies. MNTH 203 follows as a continuation of the MNTH 201 field placement and is taken in the Winter Session following MHTH 201.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. conduct and evaluate performance in counseling sessions.
2. develop an awareness of the dynamics of the interpersonal process in helping.
3. identify and develop therapeutic counseling goals for clients.
4. identify and implement treatment strategies for clients.
5. broaden scope of clinical interventions utilized with clients.
6. plan and design primary prevention program and goals.
7. develop a professional identity as a mental health practitioner.
8. locate and evaluate primary prevention resources on the Internet.
9. locate, analyze, evaluate, and prepare abstracts of peer review journal articles in primary prevention of mental health problems.

Major Topics

Problem assessment and definition
Goal setting in counseling
Treatment Planning
Assessment of clinical outcomes
Primary Prevention in mental health: Principles & practice

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Exam

Evaluation of audio-tape of counseling sessions

Written & oral case presentations of assessments of client problems

Abstract of mental health treatment journal articles

Written & oral presentation of student's primary prevention project goals

Other Course Information

This course is a core course in the Mental Health Program but is open only to students admitted to the Mental Health Program.